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SUBJECT: ENERGY: TRANS-PROVINCIAL PIPELINE PROJECT

1. IN MAJOR FRONT-PAGE STORY VANCOUVER SUN OF OCTOBER 7
QUOTES EXTENSIVELY FROM ALLEGEDLY "SECRET B.C. GOVERNMENT
DOCUMENTS", WHICH SUN CLAIMS WERE "LEAKED" TO IT ON OCTOBER 6
AND WHICH ARE SEVERELY CRITICAL OF TRANS-MOUNTAIN S PROPOSAL
TO TRANSPORT OIL FROM KITIMATE TO EDMONTON AND THE US MIDWEST.

2. B.C. DOCUMENTS ARE PURPORTED TO CONSIST OF CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDA

AND REPORTS DATED JUNE 8 AND JUNE 28 PREPARED BY THE ENVIRONMENT
AND LAND USE COMMITTEE (ELUC) WHICH ACTS IN AN
ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE B.C. CABINET. ACCORDING TO THE VANCOUVER
SUN, THE DOCUMENTS ALLEGEDLY STATE THAT:

A. THE PIPELINE PROPOSAL WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE B.C.
OIL TANKER TRAFFIC (OFFSHORE OIL FROM PERSIAN GULF AND INDONESIA
AS WELL AS ALASKA) AND "RENDER TH E ENTIRE NORTHERN HALF OF THE
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B.C. COAST...VULNERABLE TO POTENTIAL SPILLS",

B. AN OIL SPILL IS INEVITABLE, REGARDLESS OF ANY SAFETY MEASURES, DUE TO WEATHER AND NAVIGATIONAL HAZARDS ON APPROACHES TO KITIMAT, WHICH ALSO LIES IN THE "HIGHEST RISK EARTHQUAKE ZONE",

QC. TRANS-MOUNTAIN S TIGHT TIME FRAME ("BECAUSE IT IS AFRAID THAT ANOTHER COMPETITIVE US ROUTE MIGHT WIN OUT") WOULD PRECLUDE THE COMPLETION OF NCESSARY ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES,

D. THE PROPOSAL HAS FEW BENEFITS FOR CANADIAN (EM.G. NO PLANS FOR MARKETING ANY IMPORTED OIL IN B.C.), AND

E. JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN NORTHERN B.C. WOULD BE MINIMAL AND THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF TRANSIENT WORKERS COULD BE SEVERE.

3. APPARENT OVERALL CONCLUSION OF THE ELUC DOCUMENTS IS THAT THAT TRANS - PROVINCIAL PIPELINE PROJECT AS IT STANDS, "DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE PROVINCE."

4. PRESS CLIPPING BEING MAILED.
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